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Illinois Spring Wild Turkey Season Harvest Totals 14,999 Birds

SPRINGFIELD, IL – Hunters in Illinois harvested a preliminary statewide total of 14,999 wild turkeys during the 2015 Spring Turkey Season, including the youth seasons. The 2015 total compares with the statewide turkey harvest of 13,514 in 2014. The statewide preliminary total includes Youth Turkey Season harvest of 896 birds, compared with youth season harvest of 781 turkeys in 2014.

Spring turkey hunting was open in 100 of Illinois' 102 counties. The 2015 seasons were April 6-May 7 in the South Zone and April 13-May 14 in the North Zone. The Youth Spring Turkey Season was March 28-29 in the South Zone and April 4-5 in the North Zone.

Turkey hunters this spring took a preliminary total of 6,387 wild turkeys during all season segments in the South Zone, a slight increase over the harvest of 6,184 last year in the south. The North Zone preliminary harvest total of 8,612 wild turkeys was considerably higher than the 2014 total of 7,330 in the north.

“Turkey hunters in the North Zone, particularly in west-central Illinois, benefitted from improved turkey reproductive success during the spring of 2014,” said IDNR Forest Wildlife Biologist Paul Shelton. “This was evident from the improved harvest numbers in those areas and a higher proportion of jakes in the harvest than we’ve seen in many years.”

The top counties for spring wild turkey harvest in the South Zone in 2015 were Jefferson (433), Pope (366), Marion (333), Union (312), and Randolph (300). The top five North Zone counties for spring turkey harvest this year were Jo Daviess (601), Fulton (401), Adams (389), Pike (341), and Macoupin (328).

The table below includes the preliminary 2015 county-by-county spring turkey harvest results with comparable totals for 2014.

**Preliminary Illinois Spring Turkey Harvest
Table**

Zone	County	2015	2014
N	Adams	389	300
S	Alexander	143	134
S	Bond	159	143
N	Boone	74	57
N	Brown	319	201
N	Bureau	171	135
N	Calhoun	201	196
N	Carroll	184	228
N	Cass	257	187
N	Champaign	26	15
N	Christian	52	46
N	Clark	170	125
S	Clay	165	197
S	Clinton	101	81
N	Coles	26	29
S	Crawford	135	132
N	Cumberland	59	42
N	DeKalb	13	16
N	DeWitt	52	41
N	Douglas	5	4
N	Edgar	83	80
S	Edwards	109	112
S	Effingham	109	84
S	Fayette	224	203
N	Ford	12	13
S	Franklin	187	169
N	Fulton	401	364
S	Gallatin	120	116
N	Greene	165	149
N	Grundy	49	36
S	Hamilton	223	228
N	Hancock	259	243
S	Hardin	159	138
N	Henderson	144	135
N	Henry	93	75

N	Iroquois	63	51
S	Jackson	280	322
S	Jasper	128	76
S	Jefferson	433	399
N	Jersey	184	142
N	JoDaviess	601	594
S	Johnson	260	243
N	Kane	1	0
N	Kankakee	36	33
N	Kendall	18	16
N	Knox	246	208
N	Lake	3	0
N	LaSalle	114	106
S	Lawrence	110	109
N	Lee	96	62
N	Livingston	24	17
N	Logan	40	27
N	Macon	25	20
N	Macoupin	328	259
S	Madison	246	226
S	Marion	333	298
N	Marshall	69	53
N	Mason	143	124
S	Massac	99	81
N	McDonough	139	91
N	McHenry	68	65
N	McLean	54	53
N	Menard	114	66
N	Mercer	178	188
S	Monroe	162	151
N	Montgomery	183	189
N	Morgan	210	138
N	Moultrie	21	21
N	Ogle	191	150
N	Peoria	142	128
S	Perry	221	215
N	Piatt	7	6
N	Pike	341	298
S	Pope	366	352
S	Pulaski	81	121

N	Putnam	46	35
S	Randolph	300	326
S	Richland	116	108
N	Rock Island	186	173
S	Saline	143	122
N	Sangamon	106	85
N	Schuyler	306	190
N	Scott	65	59
N	Shelby	95	81
S	St. Clair	112	89
N	Stark	5	2
N	Stephenson	255	203
N	Tazewell	70	66
S	Union	312	301
N	Vermilion	119	115
S	Wabash	49	46
N	Warren	66	70
S	Washington	131	142
S	Wayne	271	299
S	White	120	135
N	Whiteside	152	172
N	Will	53	36
S	Williamson	280	286
N	Winnebago	164	143
N	Woodford	81	78
	Total	14999	13514

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